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The 32nd issue of the Chronicle of Current Events, an underground dissident journal in the Soviet Union, was released Tuesday. It was the largest edition since the journal was founded seven years ago to expose human rights violations in the Soviet Union.

The new edition, typed on 25 pages of onionskin, was the fifth to appear since April of this year. Before then, police pressure had forced the dissidents to cease publication for 18 months.

The latest edition reported searches, arrests, trials, and news from labor camps. Most of the arrests and trials reported were connected with the authorities' efforts to stamp out the Chronicle.

The writer Vladimir Nekipelov and economist Sergei Peragev, it was reported, were sentenced to labor camp terms for two years and three years, respectively, for circulating the journal.

Much of the Chronicle's information has already been published in the West. But the journal's anonymous authors write primarily for Soviet readers, who type copies and pass them on like a chain letter.

The paper also provided an eight-page resume of the ninth and 10th issues of another underground publication, the "Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church."

The Lithuanian journal said that a secret police campaign against religious and political opposition has intensified since last year. The journal cited massive searches, arrests, and confiscation of thousands of handmade prayer books, numerous copies of the Chronicle of Current Events, and several homemade duplicating machines.

The Lithuanian journal said five men were sentenced to labor camp terms of two to six years for anti-Soviet agitation and for trying to raise money for the family of Simas Kudirka, a Lithuanian who received a 10-year sentence for fleeing to a United States Coast Guard vessel off the American East Coast in 1970. He was handed back to the Soviets by U.S. authorities.